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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Thousand Oaks – 13 Arrested in Sinaloa Drug Cartel Bust**

(U) Authorities have arrested suspected members of the Sinaloa drug cartel who operated across the Southland, and in the process seized millions of dollars in drugs and weapons, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office announced yesterday. The arrests, which included high-ranking Sinaloa members, were made as part of a year-long multi-agency investigation into a drug ring that operated in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Investigators also seized approximately \$10 million worth of drugs and weapons.

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [CBS LA](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Authorities Seize Illegally Owned Firearms in Sweep

(U) Law enforcement officials seized 111 firearms and more than 27,000 rounds of ammunition from Californians under a new effort to confiscate weapons from people who have been barred from owning them. Operation Dual Force, a partnership between the California Department of Justice and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, has so far closed 227 cases in the Armed and Prohibited Persons System — a list that identifies those who legally purchased guns but were later convicted of a felony or otherwise disqualified from holding firearms.

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [LA Times](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – CBP Officers Seize Meth and Fentanyl at Port of Nogales**

(U) Tucson – US Customs and Border Protection officers arrested Sonoran resident connected with a failed attempt to smuggle a combination of methamphetamine and suspected fentanyl into the United States. CBP officers referred the 28-year-old woman for further inspection of her Toyota sedan. A CBP narcotics detection canine alerted to a scent it was trained to detect within the vehicle's floor. Officers removed multiple packages of drugs, which were identified as nearly 30 pounds of methamphetamine, worth more than \$842,000 as well as more than one pound of suspected fentanyl, with an estimated value of \$15,000.

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Texas – 43 Migrants Discovered in Trailer

(U) Laredo – More than 40 undocumented immigrants were found in a tractor-trailer at a checkpoint on Interstate 35. The event unfolded when agents encountered a blue Freightliner tractor pulling a white refrigerated trailer with two visible occupants. During the primary inspection of occupants, a service canine alerted agents to the odor of concealed humans or narcotics. The tractor-trailer was referred to secondary inspection, during which 43 individuals were found in the trailer. The driver and passenger, both US citizens, along with the undocumented immigrants, were arrested.

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [Laredo Morning Times](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia –Man Who Sold Stolen Identities to be Sentenced in Russia Probe**

(U) Washington – A California man who was accused of operating an online auction service that trafficked in stolen identities will be sentenced today in a federal district court. Richard Pinedo, who pleaded guilty to one count of identity fraud in February 2018, could face between 12 to 18 months in prison and a fine of \$5,500 to \$55,000, according to US sentencing guidelines. The criminal charge against Pinedo was announced in February 2018.

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Michigan – Over One Hundred Missing Kids Recovered

(U) Wayne County – The US Marshals Service says 123 missing children were recovered during a one-day sweep. The US Marshals Service Detroit Missing Child Recovery Unit coordinated with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Inspector General, Detroit Police and the Michigan State Police and investigated missing child case files prior to the sweep. Out of 301 files of missing children, 123 were physically located and interviewed during the operation. All the children located were interviewed about potentially being sexually victimized or used in a sex trafficking ring during their period that they were deemed missing.

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [WJBK](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Turkey – Authorities Arrest Seven with Links to ISIS**

(U) Elazig – At least seven people were arrested yesterday over their suspected links to ISIS. Suspects were detained in simultaneous operations carried out by Police Special Forces. Among the suspects were four Syrian and three Iraqi nationals. Security forces have been involved in a long-running campaign to clear ISIS terrorists from Turkey. More than 300 people lost their lives in ISIS-claimed attacks in Turkey, where the terror organization has targeted civilians in suicide bomb, rocket, and gun attacks in recent years

SOURCE: 9 October 2018, [AA](#)

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